

# Transportation Federal Funding

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- Candidate projects are selected from City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Upon funds becoming available through MPO or other federal program, City staff submits projects to appropriate entity
- Projects must meet federal eligibility requirements

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- Eligibility requirements include:
  - Proposed roadway is functionally classified as collector or above
  - Project is included in MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan
  - Project is included in City's Major Thoroughfare Plan
  - If additional capacity is requested, the projected traffic has been modeled through MPO network analyses

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## 2 Primary funding categories

- Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Surface Transportation Program (STP)

# Transportation Federal Funding CMAQ

- Must demonstrate an improvement to congestion and a reduction of emissions as a result of proposed improvements
- Air Quality Analysis must accompany project request
- Cannot add additional capacity – lanes – to existing roadways
- Eligible projects include mass transit improvements, signalization improvements, and intersection improvements

# Transportation Federal Funding STP

- Most flexible funding category, all CMAQ eligible projects are also STP eligible
- Property acquisition is permissible
- Added capacity – new roadways or additional lanes to existing roadways -- is eligible
- Reconstruction and rehabilitation of qualifying roadways is also eligible

# Transportation Federal Funding Project Selection Process

- Projects are submitted to MPO for consideration by Project Selection Committee (PSC)
- Recommendation from PSC is forwarded to Transportation Policy Board (TPB)
- TPB reviews project and may include in the region's short-term, fiscally constrained plan – Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

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- The City must commit match to the project
- Project should be sufficiently developed by the requested program year so that it can be awarded for construction during that program year



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## Develop Authority

- Sub-category of CMAQ and STP funding
- Allocated by TXDOT to allow for planning & development of projects
- All project eligibility requirements apply
- Approval process is same as for Construct authority of CMAQ & STP, but not part of TIP
- Projects can proceed up to and including ROW acquisition
- ROW acquisition cannot be funded through this authority level

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## Other Funding Categories

- Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program
- Hazard Elimination & Safety Projects
- Safe Routes to School
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Integrated Borders & Corridors
- Off-System Bridges

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## Other Funding Categories

- All project eligibility requirements apply
- Additional requirements to accomplish funding category's objectives also apply
- Call for projects is determined by either TXDOT or Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as regulations are developed
- Submittal process and timing depends on regulations

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- Funding agreements between TXDOT and the City of El Paso are required for approved projects
- Funding agreements set forth each entity's responsibilities for executing project
- City match may be reduced through the Economically Disadvantaged Counties Adjustment

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